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PCOS IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of STD/ISD PCOs running in the district of Mahaboob Nagar in Andhra Pradesh at present;

(b) the number of booths Proposed to be installed in the current year;

(c) quantum of amount earmarked for this purpose and the amount released so far;

(d) whether the waiting list for PCOs is still increasing; and

(e) if so, by when the waiting list is likely to be cleared?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a) Sir, at present 2612 STD/ISD PCOs are running in the Mahaboob Nagar district of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) According to the present policy PCOs are allotted to all the eligible applicants on first come first served basis. The number of booths to be installed in the current year depends on the availability of applicants.

(c) No amount is earmarked for this purpose as the existing capacity is sufficient to meet the demand of PCOs in near future.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The existing wait listed applicants can be provided with PCOs on completion of commercial formalities by the applicants.